

THE FIGHT AT 203 METER HILL.



The assaults and capture of 203-Meter hill witnessed some of the fiercest fighting that has occurred around Port Arthur. The Japanese persisted in their attacks until the hill was in their hands. From this point they have destroyed the Russian fleet in the harbor.

TROOPS ARRIVING AT HARBIN.



The illustration is a scene which might have been witnessed at Harbin almost any day when that Manchurian town was being converted into a Russian base of supplies. Troops were being brought in as rapidly as the railroad facilities would permit, and army supplies were arriving in great quantities. The unloading of these goods afforded occupation for all the men that could be spared from the work of strengthening the defenses, and no one found an opportunity to be idle. Men and supplies were being sent to the front constantly. The bustle and eagerness were a source of wonder to the easy going natives.

TRAINING THE FACULTIES.

Nikola Tesla was talking about his student days at Prague.

"I remember well at Prague," he said, "an old professor of great or-

insisted on the value of a free use of the perceptive faculties, and he was always pointing out the need for this use in strange way to the front constantly. One day, on arising to lecture, he began:

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BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT.

Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, the noted Assyriologist of the University of Pennsylvania, was describing one of the first excavations of Nippur. He told of a certain digging that had ended in failure, and illustrated his disap-

at all. After a certain expenditure has been recommended by the minister of marine and approved by the czar, the administration of this fund passes into the hands of a succession of state officials, who consider that they are justified in appropriating part of it for their own private purposes. The state pays them small salaries while they are in office and custom require them to keep up appearances to an extent to which their incomes are entirely inadequate.

The high officials steal money from the public exchequer and allow their superiors to follow their example in order that their own misappropriations may not be exposed, to public view. The superiors know that the inferiors are thieves, and the inferiors are well aware that the superiors are robbers, so that between them they form a limited company of plunderers who, however, have no conception whatever of the iniquity of their proceedings. On the contrary, they consider plundering the public to be one of their official duties, and they probably would be surprised if they were told that their system of life is immoral. In their eyes the only essential point is that a public official must not permit himself to be detected in the act of appropriating public money.

The result of all this corruption expressed in plain figures is that when \$5,000,000 is granted to the ministry of marine for the construction of a new first-class battleship, not more than \$4,000,000 is really spent on the battleship and often not more than \$3,000,000. The balance finds its way into the pockets of numerous officials concerned in all the transactions connected with the construction of a modern battleship.

The inevitable consequence is that the battleship turns out to be a less valuable article than it was originally intended to be. Its armor is of inferior quality, its steel is not the best in the market, its wood is not fire-proof, its boilers are defective in brief, it shows numerous traces of unwise economy. Even its guns are not as good as money can buy for second class articles bought at reduced prices. As the result of the criminal economy practised, the battleship can be more easily disabled through the enemy's shells piercing its defective armor, while at the same time its secondary guns cannot hurl destruction at the foe with the necessary force and speed.

SHIPS CRIPPLED BY WORKMEN.

The same thing in different forms is to be found in all departments of the Russian navy. When a Russian battleship is marked in books of naval reference as being able to steam 16 knots an hour it may be safely assumed that its actual maximum speed is 12 knots an hour. This difference between theory and practice has been amply demonstrated both in the naval operations in the vicinity of Port Arthur, by the performances of the Baltic fleet and by the results of recent naval maneuvers held in the Black sea.

Another important cause of constructive deficiencies in Russian warships is the fact that all the Russian shipbuilding yards are full of workmen who are secret adherents of the extreme revolutionary party. In pursuance of their destructive nihilist principles these workmen deliberately introduce defects in the construction of warships. This is only possible to a limited extent, owing to the supervision which is necessarily exercised; nevertheless the damage done is all the more dangerous because it remains concealed. Bolts which should be absolutely unobtainable are left so loose as to endanger the solidity of the whole structure, and armor plates which should be firmly riveted to the side of a ship are so carelessly attached that their defensive properties are considerably decreased. Boiler pipes are purposely constructed so badly that they must inevitably begin to leak soon after the ship puts to sea, thus largely reducing its speed or disabling it altogether.

Mistakes of administration and defects of construction might be compensated to some extent by unusual efficiency on the part of officers and men of the Russian navy. So far from this being the case, the gross incompetence of Russian officers and the land-lubbery qualities of Russian sailors only add to the general worthlessness of the Russian fleet. Russian naval officers receive a deficient nautical education and suffer from a lack of practical experience, owing to the fact that money which ought to be spent on keeping the Baltic or Black sea fleet at sea is partly diverted into the pockets of corrupt officials, naval officers who should spend nine months of the year on active service and three in port really spend three months at sea and nine months ashore.

It is a notorious fact that a large proportion of Russian naval officers are ignorant of the science of navigation, so that they are incapable of steering their ships on a correct course. This weakness was demonstrated to all the world in connection with the recent attack on English fishermen in the North sea. On this occasion the entire Baltic fleet was not less than 60 miles out of its right course, and neither

the Russian admiral nor any of the dozen Russian captains nor any one of the Russian navigating lieutenants had the slightest idea that they had taken the wrong direction.

ADMIRAL REPORTS "APPALLING MIDDLES."

A great sensation has been caused in St. Petersburg by a report drawn up by Admiral T. Tchuhnin, who commands the Russian Black sea fleet, on the subject of the recent naval maneuvers held under his supervision. Admiral Tchuhnin writes:

"I have found that the naval officers under my command are entirely without love for their profession and without interest in their work. I have found that incompetence prevails throughout the fleet. When maneuvering the officers were unable to handle their ships smartly.

"The most appalling middles occurred. Sometimes when the ships of the fleet were supposed to be in close formation several would be found to be missing altogether, and cruisers had to be detached to search for them. The signals from the flagship were either misunderstood or purposely disobeyed. Many officers were totally ignorant of naval regulations."

In the same report Admiral Tchuhnin goes on to mention several examples of the extraordinary lack of discipline among Russian naval officers. One night during the maneuvers the fleet was steaming in company when torpedo boat No. 273 suddenly turned and disappeared. The angry admiral dispatched a cruiser in chase, and after a long search the missing torpedo boat was found in the harbor of Yalta. The lieutenant in command and his brother officers as well declared simply that they preferred spending the night in port rather than on the open sea. Two other torpedo boats left the fleet without the admiral's permission and were also found at Yalta. They were first of executing evolutions at night, and the commanders expressed their surprise and indignation when they learned in a somewhat forcible manner that the admiral was distinctly annoyed.

REMARKABLY EFFICIENT.

When the war with Japan broke out the czar ordered the Russian ministry of marine to report to him the exact number of warships which could be immediately rushed to the far east to reinforce the fleet tied up in Port Arthur. The ministry of marine reported that the whole Baltic fleet was in a remarkably efficient condition and able to start for the scene of hostilities at 48 hours notice. The czar ordered that the Baltic fleet should start on March 1. The Baltic fleet started on Oct. 15, seven and a half months later than the time appointed.

The cause of the delay was that the ships which were supposed to be in best fighting trim were utterly unfit to put to sea. All sorts of defects were discovered, and a long succession of ridiculous mishaps, many of which have been recorded by cable, occurred. Half a dozen battleships ran aground within sight of port, owing to the inability of the officers to navigate them properly. The engines of every ship in the fleet were found to be deficient. One of the cruisers which steamed out into the Baltic for drilling purposes was in serious danger of being wrecked because the captain and all the officers and all the crew were so seasick that they were incapable of handling her.

During a preliminary trial voyage which the Baltic fleet made prior to its long delayed departure to the far east two battleships were found one night to be executing small eccentric evolutions that several smaller ships of the fleet were in imminent danger of being run down and sent to the bottom by their unwieldy neighbors. Investigation revealed that the commanding officers of both ships were hopelessly drunk and incapable.

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HIS AMERICAN WIFE AS LADY BOUNTIFUL.

Special Correspondence.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Lord Chylesmore was recently elected mayor of Westminster, the historic London borough, and I learn that since his wife, the former Miss French, of New York, became lady mayoress, she has excelled all her previous efforts in the way of charity—though these were quite notable. Lady Chylesmore has devoted much time, of late, to an investigation of the conditions under which the poor of her district live. Luckily for her Westminster is not overburdened with exceptional poverty, otherwise her philanthropy would be a heavy drain upon her purse. She has actually explored some of the vilest slums in Boho and relieved distress in every instance that came personally under her notice.

She is opposed to the system of dispensing charity in actual cash, but any one who strives to supply with food and warm clothing. Grasping landlords are a source of much annoyance to her. In several instances she has paid out the brokers' men sooner than see poor people's little homes broken up. A return is now being prepared for her showing the number of persons who are likely to need a Christmas dinner. She says that no home in the city of Westminster must want a dinner on that day. Her system will be to issue tickets which will be accepted at certain local butchers, bakers and grocers, and she will insist that only the best of everything must be supplied.

In addition to her visits to the homes of the poor she takes an active interest in young girls who work in factories all over London, and on several occasions she has made reports to the factory inspectors which have enabled them to drop on employers who have been violating the provisions of the Factory act.

NO LONGER ON THE MAP.

"What makes you so late?" asked Tim's father, who in the boy's absence had had to see to the evening chores himself. "Teacher kept me in." "What for?" "Cause I couldn't find Moscow on the map." "Couldn't find Moscow? And I'd like to know who could find it. Why, I remember hearing tell of Moscow being burned up when I was a boy! It's an outrage to put such nonsensical questions to children what's there to learn something useful, I'll look into that, and let your teacher know I ain't been elected on the school board for nothing!"—Youth's Companion.

pointment over the failure in this way: "My disappointment was as great as that of a young French poet of whom I heard during my vacation. "This poet was stopping at a Dinard pension, and certain expected remittances did not reach him. Hence he could not pay his bill. "Week after week ran on. The landlord would not let the poet leave till his account was squared, and since he was penniless, to square his account was an impossibility. Hence he decided to flee secretly. "Late one night, when all was dark and still, the poet lowered his modest little trunk out of a rear window by a rope. He purposed to descend the rope afterward himself. And at the prospect of freedom his heart beat high. "But imagine his disappointment, as the trunk reached the ground, to hear the landlord's voice call up to him: "All right! I've got the trunk; now let go of the rope."

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

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